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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.

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Filed:

April 22, 1998

Of:

Mark ROSS, et al.

Entitled:

Clay/Organic Chemical Compositions Useful, as Additives

to Polymer, Plastic and Resin Matrices to Produce

Nanocomposites and Nanocomposites Containing Such

Compositions

Examiner:

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Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as <u>X</u> 1. originally filed.

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- New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of \_ sheet(s), 2. depicting Figures \_\_.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney: <u>X</u> 3.
  - Newly executed (original or copy) a.
  - Copy from prior application b.
    - Deletion of Inventors signed statement attached i. deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
  - Deferred <u>X</u> c.
- Incorporation by Reference: <u>X</u> 4.

The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.